(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that these guidelines have been misinterpreted by the officials of the Department thereby involving undue paper work and helping the business community; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY : (a) The broad guidelines for selection of cases for scrutiny during the current financial year 1992-93 are given in the Statement attached. [*See* below]

(b) No, Sir; no case of misinterpretation has come to the notice.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Broad Guidelines for selection of cases for scrutiny during the Financial year 1992-93.

1. All returns with income/loss of Rs. 5 lakhs and above.

2. Cases with refunds exceeding Rs. 1

3. Glaring cases of tax evasion or avoidance and cases where information has been received from the Central Information Branch of Income Tax Department and through surveys and other sources.

4. Cases of contractors claiming refund of Rs. 10,000 or more and the net profit rate disclosed is less than 8 per cent.

5. New cases where there is wide variation between the returned income and the income indicated in survey reports.

6. If there are no adequate number of cases of the above types with any assessing officer, he shall take up other income/loss cases in descending order of the amount of returned income/loss.

1648. [*Transferred to 17th March* 1993].

Granting Bank Loans to Weaker Sections

1649. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given any instructions to the nationalised banks to continue the programmes of granting loans to weaker sections of society:

(b) if so, what are the details of such instructions given to nationalised banks during the year 1992-93; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the credit requirements of poorer sections of the society ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (c) The commercial banks participate in the programmes sponsored by the Government to enable the identified beneficiaries to pursue viable schemes for their economic upliftment. In addition to the above, the bank also frame the schemes on their own to assist weaker sections of the society by way of providing loans to them for productive ventures. It has been enjoined upon them that 10% of their total advances should be for weaker sections of the society. Amongst the Government programmes, the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is the major one to assist selected families of target groups in rural areas to cross the poverty line by taking up self-employment ventures. The programme inter-alia, provide that not less than 50% of the families assisted should belong to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes communities and not less than 50% of assistance provided by Government should also go to these categories. The performance of public sector banks in the matter of extending credit assistance to weaker sections is reviewed by the Government as well as Reserve Bank of India (RBI) periodically and suitable steps are taken to make up the deficiencies noticed.

Bank Loans to Technocrats

1650. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has given any direction to nationalised banks to assist technocrats in reviving sick units; and

(b) what are the details of such directions given to banks in the year 1992-93 to assist technocrats in the revival of sick units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the detailed guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India regarding formulation and implementation of rehabilitation packages in respect of sick and weak industrial units considered potentially viable, inter-alia, provide that in a rehabilitation proposal promoters' contribution shall be a minimum of 20 per cent for change in management, professional and technocrat managements and 30 per cent in other cases.

Reduction of Loans by Andhra Pradesh

1651. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) wheher Government are aware that Andhra Bank has reduced the loans to the poorer sections of the society in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1992-93; and

(b) whether Government have given any directions to Andhra Bank to reduce loans to the poor and self-employed artisans of Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) In terms of Reserve Bank of India's guidelines, all Indian banks, including Andhra Bank, are required to extend atleast 10% of their total credit to weaker sections. However, no state-wise target in this regard has been stipulated. As on 31st March 1992, there were 948 branches of Andhra Bank out of which 739 branches i.e. 78% of the total branches, were in Andhra Pradesh. Against the target of 10% referred to above the performance of Andhra Bank as a whole in the matter of extending credit assistance to weaker sections, including poor and self-employed artisans, is as under :

No. of Accounts in lakhs

(Rs. in Crores)

As at the end of	No. of Accounts	Amount Outstanding	Percentage of advances to weaker sections to total credit
March, 1992	5·28	192·50	10·23
September, 1992 (Latest Available)	5·46	201·32	11·00

From the above table, it may be observed that credit flow to weaker sections through Andhra Bank in the country, including Andhra Pradesh, has increased during the current financial year as compared to the previous year 1991-92.

Import of Credit Squeeze on Weaker Sections

1652. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be plensed to state :

(a) whether government have studied the import of credit squeeze by nationalised banks on the weaker sections of the society; and

(b) whether there are any proposals to receive the concept of "Loan Melas" to meet the financial needs of artisans and self-employed people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) In terms of Reserve Bank of India's guidelines, all Indian banks, including public sector banks, are required to extend at least 10% of their